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OUR FLAG
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ever, One and Inseparable."

To Help Farmers

The following letter which has been sent to all school officers is self explanatory. The labor situation is such that something of this kind seems imperative. The Department of Labor are planning to meet our shortage by sending in school boys from the cities. We know of course that our boys and girls would furnish us better help than we could get from the cities. We have in the county eight hundred boys above fourteen years of age. A large number of these would assist at home and the balance be available as hired help. There are about the same number of girls who could assist materially with a number of crops, especially grapes. Many children under fourteen years of age would be of considerable help. The plan suggested does not interfere with the

length of school term. It would promote good school work by eliminating the principal cause for absence. Pupils out of school hinder the progress of all, retarding the grade while the teacher spends time which belongs to the whole school trying to get them up with their work. This plan will do away almost entirely with requests to stay out of school to work. There may be districts where the labor situation does not seem to demand this action and there may be communities where the suggested time of vacation might be changed to advantage. These are questions for the local school board to consider. We trust that this plan will appeal to the village and city schools for it is from these that we hope to secure the most help.

To School Boards and School Officials
of Van Buren County:—

The opening of the school year finds us faced with a labor situation which is acute. The industries of the cities have been exerting a steadily increasing drain upon our farm labor for a number of years. The draft will fall heavily upon us for we must not only furnish our quota for the army, but send men to the cities to take the place of those in the manufacturing industries who go to the front. The fact of this matter being that the whole drain for the army will eventually fall upon the rural districts. Now Mr. Parcell of the United States Department of Labor has been in the county the past week trying to get a line on the labor situation in the hope of being able to send in enough help this fall to harvest Van Buren County's crops. A late ripening season renders certain crop situations, like the Grapes, precarious as the harvesting is likely to be cut short by hard freezing. The Department of Labor plans to furnish school boys from the cities, it really being the only labor available. We have gone over the situation with Mr. Parcell and some of the men who will need help, and we feel that while it may be necessary to use some high school boys from Grand Rapids and Chicago we could do much toward handling the situation if we could make use of all of the school help that we have at home. There are thirty-nine weeks between September 1st, and June 1st. We have ordinarily held school thirty-six of these, having two weeks vacation at Christmas and one at Easter. In view of the present extraordinary situation we want to suggest that all of our schools open the first week in September and continue four weeks, closing for a vacation of three weeks from the 1st, to the 22nd, of October and then continuing without vacation until the end of the school year. This plan permits of the full length of the school term and while open to objections, it seems to best solve the problem of utilizing school labor and at the same time not breaking up our school work. This plan is educational in as much as it renders unnecessary the granting of a large number of permits for children to stay out of school because of work at home. Three weeks in October will help very materially in the harvesting of our crops and school can then resume with a full attendance. We earnestly request that you consider this matter and we hope that your Board will be one of the first to act. Let us make this a patriotic, County wide affair, every boy and girl going out October 1st, to 21st, to "do their bit."

Sincerely yours

E. V. Root
County Commissioner Schools
T. A. Farjand
County Agricultural Agent.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PROS- PECT HILL CEMETERY ASS'N.

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Prospect Hill Cemetery Association for the election of officers for the year commencing September 1st, 1917 and ending August 31st, 1918, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held in the parlors of the Paw Paw Savings Bank on Monday evening, September 3rd, 1917, at 7:00 o'clock.

A. Lynn Free, President
Wm. Killefer, Secretary.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and the flowers during our bereavement. And especially thank Mrs. DeLong for the beautiful singing. Also Rev. Heaton for his comforting words.

Mrs. Addie Ashbrook and family.
Mrs. Minnie Root and family
William Rider and family.

Mrs. Louise Thayer has purchased a new Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Colburn entertained relatives from Decatur at their home on Monday.

WILLIAM FRANCIS DIBBLE

Comrade William Francis Dibble has entered into his rest—a rest greatly needed and richly deserved by reason of his life's service and of the invalidism of the last few years. He was the eldest son of David and Mary Dibble of Courtright, New York and was born February 11th, 1839. At the age of twelve years he came with his parents to Michigan where he had residence the remainder of his life with the exception of one year which he spent at Quincy, Illinois and the time he was engaged in the country's service during the Civil war. On August 26th, 1864 he enlisted in Company G, First Regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics which cause he faithfully served until the close of the war. He was one of the boys who accompanied General Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. About thirty years ago Mr. Dibble became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Gobleville which membership he subsequently transferred to the Lodge at Paw Paw. At the close of the war he bought a farm in Waverly township, Section 2. On April 12th, he was married to Matilda Elizabeth Price of Lawton with whom he lived with the most delightful felicity until the time of her death about ten years ago. To them were born four children, two sons and two daughters, three of whom now survive their father. Fred of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Chas. Lyke of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Mary Knight of Paw Paw. After the death of his wife, Mr. Dibble left the farm and since that time, with the exception of one year, he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Knight, who faithfully and tenderly nursed him during his last declining years. His death came August 30th, 1917 as a result of apoplexy.

His character was remarkable in its depth of sympathy and its breadth of charity. His heart was always deeply touched at the sight of human need. To him the words of the Master will truly apply: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Funeral services were held from his late home on Monday afternoon Rev. C. H. Heaton officiating, and burial was made in the Robinson cemetery at Gobleville.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and kind friends and neighbors who came to us with assistance and sympathy during the sickness and death of our dear father, we extend our heartfelt thanks. May God bless you all.

Fred Dibble
Mrs. Charles Lyke
Mrs. William Knight.

MRS. FANNY RIDER.

Fanny Augusta Root was born September 6th, 1844 in Monroe County, New York. Where she lived until at the age of twenty-one she was united in marriage to Robert J. Rider. Then coming to Michigan made her home in Gliddenburg where she gained many friends.

To this union were born three children, two daughters and one son. Mrs. Rider had been in poor health for a number of years, the end coming August 30th, 1917 when she suffered a paralytic stroke.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her two daughters Mrs. Addie Ashbrook of Waverly and Mrs. Minnie Root of Kalamazoo, her son William also of Waverly, fourteen grandchildren, one great grandchild and a sister Helen of New York besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Rev. Heaton conducted the funeral services on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the Gliddenburg school house. She was laid to rest in the Wilsey cemetery.

CATHERINE A. BUNDY.

Catherine Bundy, a lifelong resident of Paw Paw and vicinity passed away at her home in this village on August 30th, aged seventy-nine years. She was the mother of nine children, four of whom survive her. She was a member of the Christian church and has always taken an active interest in its affairs. Funeral services were held from her late home Sunday, Rev. Harker officiating. Burial was in Austin cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the friends for their many acts of kindness during the sickness and at the time of the death of our mother, Mrs. Catherine Bundy.

The Children.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

E. J. Bradt Jr.
Mrs. J. Harry Kibler
Frank Muczynski
Mark Sheppard

Postmaster.

DALE HARRISON CLIMBING THE LADDER OF SUCCESS.

Dale C. Harrison, a grandson of G. E. Chappell of this city and son of the late Mrs. Claire C. Harrison, has been made city editor of the Belleville, Illinois Morning Record, according to a letter received at this office. Mr. Harrison left Paw Paw sixteen months ago, entering the employ of the Belleville News-Democrat as a reporter. In January of this year he became assistant city editor of that paper. Late in July Mr. Harrison accepted an offer as city editor of the Morning Record in that city. Although he has only been on the Morning Record a month, Mr. Harrison has taken a keen interest in the work there and expresses himself as delighted with the morning newspaper field. A week ago he introduced a new feature to the readers of the paper, a daily column called "Broken Bits" which is meeting with much success. On Sunday of this week there appeared in the Belleville Record an editorial on Labor, written by Mr. Harrison, which attracted much favorable mention in that city. Because there are many persons in Paw Paw who knew Mr. Harrison and will be glad to hear of his progress in the newspaper field we are reprinting the editorial:

"The Greatest Thing In The World." I am the backbone of Life itself. With My bare hands I perform the herculean tasks that must be performed if humanity is to exist. In hundreds of thousands of places—in shops, in the fields, in the mines, on the sea, in the horses of steel that ride the rails so that you may traverse in comfort the domain which My potency makes possible—there you will find me.

God Almighty looks down from his mighty throne upon Me with pride, for He made Me to be one of His greatest Allies.

Were it not for me, You would not be able to receive your newspaper, there would be no wires to flash to you the things from the outside world you wish to know, aye, were it not for Me there would be nothing to hear; there would be no war, did I not exist, for War needs me bitterly; but neither would there be Peace did I not live and flourish to make it possible; should I die, I would take to my grave every joy of life, every love, every good thing.

Without me, no world could live. Without Me, the Heavenly Father could not have made this world for His people.

Many scoff at Me, but they are fools; fools, or they would see that I hear their scoffing while knowing that only through Me can they live.

No babe can enter upon the Earth, nor a soul leave a body without My Aid. All things that are dear to the Heart of Man on this sphere are My Offspring.

I glory in My omnipotence, strength. I care not be it the clod of the fields or the King of the land. They are both My Vassals.

Tomorrow You Will Celebrate My Existence, My Progress, My Dictatorship.

It is Well.

I am Labor."

For the convenience of the public the County Clerk has authorized the following places of business to issue Hunting Licenses:

John Weber, Kendall.
Wise & Rich, Gobleville.
James L. Erkenbeck, Grand Junction
Moore Hardware Co., South Haven.
Roy S. McCrimmon, South Haven.
Charles Gunsaul, Covert.
Clarence E. Kinney, Hartford.
Mortimer & Hickey, Hartford.
Frank Thompson, Lawrence.
Frank J. Pugsley, Lawton.
Charles Duncombe, Hartford (Keeler)
S. N. Eckenberger, Decatur.

WAVERLY BOY IS CHARGED WITH FORGERY OF CHECKS.

Orrie Jacobs of Waverly was arrested last Friday and bound over to the Circuit Court on a charge of Forgery. He is charged with forging the name S. Polakow to an \$8.00 check cashed by C. C. Chappell, and W. C. Wilsey's name to one for \$5.00 cashed by Harry Waters. A peculiarity of the checks overlooked at the time of cashing was that one check was written Eight hundred dollars and \$8.00 in figures, and the other Five hundred dollars with \$5.00 in figures.

Additional Local

Robert Beattie recently received a nice box of Heather sent by his cousin Annie Beattie from Dumfries, Goldilee, Scotland.

See R. E. Pitkins "ad" in this issue of furniture and various other articles Possibly something you need.

Miss Carrie Latshaw returned to her home in Allegan Saturday after spending several days here with friends.

O. E. Lund of Chicago was a guest at the home of his sister west of town

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